**Kindergarten: Happy with God**

In Kindergarten, the emphasis shows God’s love is a source of our joy. Family Activities and Church Worship through God are presented. Aspects of worship and stories from the Scripture highlight specific examples of and reasons for joy centered on Christ. *(This definition is taken from the Scope and Sequence of our Greek Orthodox Archdiocese.)*

**During the Kindergarten Catechetical School year, students should learn:**

I. God the Father  
   Students will know that: God loves the world and all creation with great joy.

II. God the Son - Jesus Christ  
   The coming of Jesus brings great joy to many

III. God the Holy Spirit  
   The Holy Spirit is within us all

IV. Church  
   Our church is the Orthodox Church and we celebrate His coming.

V. Worship and Prayer  
   Prayer helps us to be joyful

VI. Liturgy  
   We show our joy by praying and singing God’s praises.

VII. Sacraments and Other Services  
   Christ’s baptism is a holy sacrament of the church.

VIII. Prayers and Hymns  
   Hymns & prayers for preschoolers are emphasized

IX. Saints, Feasts, Cycles  
   The important Feast days and holidays are discussed (Thanksgiving, Christmas, Epiphany, Presentation of Christ, Annunciation, Easter, Church Saints, Name day Saints, and other Saints feast days.)
X. Scripture
   Emphasis on the Bible: listening to the priest, reading the Bible with family and Bible stories of important people in the Bible

XI. Tradition
   Teaching the sign of the Cross, about the significance of candles, reverencing icons, palms and the Epitaphios

XII. Christian Family
   Understanding the role of family in our Church and faith, as well as the special joy of receiving Communion as a Christian family.

XIII. Ethics and Spirituality
   Emphasis on commitment to love and obey God, our parents and to respect our elders, as well as discussions on telling the truth, fasting and doing good works.

XIV. Service and Mission
   The importance of giving and sharing with others is discussed. This is based on our love of God

XV. Other Faiths, Society and World
   Emphasis on being good to one another, including being kind to pets, and not making fun of others.